

First Sunday of Lent  
March 10, 2019



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

O F L E N T

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

## March 9, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM VP For the Intentions of the Members of the O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites  
 ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 ❖ For Lizbeta Vuktilaj ❖ †Julio Isip
- 4:00PM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
 ❖ For Rodger Rahhal ❖ For Dan Buckley req. Janet  
 ❖ For James & Greete Varchetti  
 ❖ †Bob Szydowski req. Dolinski

## March 10, First Sunday of Lent– Nedela

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 (24)

- 7:30AM LM For Hikmat, Rawiya, Sarmad, Samir, Noor & Adeeba  
 ❖ For Mr. & Mrs. George Emmendorfer  
 ❖ For Maximiliano Miller req. Family  
 ❖ For Nahla Sesi ❖ †Barbara Tighe  
 ❖ †Louis Zaidan req. Joe & Dianne Marine
- 9:30AM ML For Deacon Joe Hulway req. Wolf Family  
 ❖ For Daniel & Jonathan Wilkins  
 ❖ For Jason, Antonio & Terrence Mansour req. Family  
 ❖ For Sarah Hanna (B'Day)  
 ❖ †Jennie Szczygiel ❖ †Chester Rudzewicz
- 11:30AM JN (Slovak) For the Stefan Sobolic Family req. Balaz & Stanely Families ❖ †Eva Fleck ❖ †Lisa Ann Soulliere  
 ❖ †Andrew James Messner  
 ❖ †Maria Tokar req. Prusak Family
- 1:30PM JN For the Intention of all Parishioners
- 6:00PM PC \*Latin-Tridentine (Missa Cantata): †Joe Basirico
- 8:30PM PC In Thanksgiving req. Alia  
 ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Maria E. Laconi  
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
 ❖ For John & Linda Kirby ❖ †John Lewandowski

## March 11, Monday – Pondelok

- 6:00AM LM †Mary Ellen Schultz
- 9:00AM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 ❖ For Darin Bremmer (B'Day) req. Wolf Family  
 ❖ For Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Kelley ❖ †Karim Atalla
- 12:00PM JN,d For the Priests of St. Cyril's  
 ❖ For Maria E. Laconi ❖ †Lydia Hayden  
 ❖ †Rejeanne Buckley req. Our Lady of Grace Book Club
- 7:00PM \*Bilingual Rosary

## March 12, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Maria E. Laconi  
 ❖ †Fr. Val Gattari ❖ †Crystal Beheler
- 9:00AM LM †Gregoria & Anastacio Isip
- 12:00PM JN For Makarewicz Family

## March 13, Wednesday – Streda

- 6:00AM PC For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:30AM \*Stations of the Cross\*
- 9:00AM JN (Latin) In Thanksgiving ❖ For a Special Intention  
 ❖ For Patricia Kornelis (B'Day) ❖ †Najla Abro

- 12:00PM LM For Maximiliano Miller req. Family  
 ❖ For Rose Baltazar (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Stephen Czach (B'Day)  
 ❖ †Mary Ellen Schultz

## March 14, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM PC For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family
- 9:00AM LM For Annette Schefke (B'Day) ❖ For Elizabeth Zylinski  
 ❖ For Frank Maziarz req. Friends ❖ †Robert Stout Sr.
- 12:00PM ML For a Special Intention req. Miller Family  
 ❖ For John Whetstone (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Delyse McAlister req. Rosary Makers  
 ❖ †John Wolfe (8th Ann.)
- 7:00PM VP For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Josephine Strasz  
 ❖ For Family & Friends ❖ †Mary Ellen Schultz

## March 15, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM PC †Raymond Woodman req. Peter & Brenda Stankiewicz
- 9:00AM JN For a Special Intention req. Miller Familz  
 ❖ For Mark Varchetti ❖ For the Monsour Familz
- 12:00PM ML For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For President Trump  
 ❖ †Marie Antonina Cusumano req. Brown & Kehrig Families  
 ❖ For Lamar Hanna (B'Day)
- 6:30PM \*Stations of the Cross\*
- 7:00PM JN For Vicki Babbie ❖ For Faris Orha  
 ❖ For Sue Knoll req. Family  
 ❖ For Alma Warman req. Gloria ❖ †Mary Ellen Schultz

## March 16, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 ❖ For William & Sue Hines & Family  
 ❖ For Sharonanne Brunet ❖ †Jim Kessler
- 4:00PM JN For Ken Warner req. Family  
 ❖ For Daniel & Jonathan Wilkins  
 ❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family  
 ❖ †Duane Van Pamel ❖ †Douglas Lucey  
 ❖ †Bob Szydowski req. Family

## March 17, Second Sunday of Lent– Nedela

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 28b-36 (27)

- 7:30AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Fr. Libor & All Parishioners req. Balaz & Stanley Families  
 ❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family  
 ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families ❖ †Josephine Davis
- 9:30AM JN For a Special Intention req. Cindy Zitny  
 ❖ For Fr. Libor & All Parishioners req. Balaz & Stanley Families  
 ❖ †Filippo Morrocco ❖ †Nicholas Krause  
 ❖ †Ramsey Scrivo ❖ †Mary Ellen Schultz
- 11:30AM LM (Slovak) For the Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union ❖ For Fr. Libor & All Parishioners req. Balaz & Stanley Families  
 ❖ †Maria Tokar req. Maria Balaz  
 ❖ †Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family  
 ❖ †Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Family
- 1:30PM ML For Fr. Libor & All Parishioners req. Balaz & Stanley Families  
 ❖ For Abigail Bartold (14th B'Day)  
 ❖ For Christine Norris (B'Day) ❖ †Rejeanne Buckley  
 ❖ †Christine Ewine req. Dan Murphy
- 6:00PM PC \*Latin-Tridentine (Missa Cantata):  
 For the Intentions of all Parishioners
- 8:30PM PC For Fr. Libor & All Parishioners req. Balaz & Stanley Families  
 ❖ For Katrina Aggoubi Nakia  
 ❖ For Matthew & Samantha  
 ❖ †Jose Carlos Torres Loya  
 ❖ †Fernanda Bayoneto ❖ †Asso Shalha Hania

## March 10, 2019 - First Sunday of Lent

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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### Mass Celebrant Legend:

Fr. Libor Marek – LM  
 Fr. Juraj Nuota – JN, Fr. Paul Czarnota – PC,  
 Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM, Visiting Priest – VP  
 Deacon Preaching – d

## 2019 Parish Lenten Projects

*"Give alms from your possessions. Do not turn your face away from any of the poor, and God's face will not be turned away from you. Give in proportion to what you own. If you have great wealth, give alms out of your abundance; if you have but little, do not be afraid to give alms of that little."* Tobit 4:7-8

This ancient advice from a father to a son is repeated to us today by the church, particularly during the season of Lent. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in giving alms to one or more of the following projects this Lent.

**Dentures for the Homeless or Low-Income/ St. Leo's Free Dental Clinic:** What if you had no dental insurance, no money to buy a toothbrush and toothpaste, no money to pay for dentures if you lost your teeth because of lack of care? Your nutrition, health and self-esteem would all suffer. Many homeless and low-income men and women face this situation. To meet their needs, The Knights of Malta offer free care at the dental clinic they operate at St. Leo's in Detroit. Many of the patients have not received dental care for a long time; many have lost all or most of their teeth. The clinic's dentists and hygienists donate their time, but money is needed to purchase dentures for these patients. Help someone smile again with a monetary gift, a check made out to *Malta Medical Dental Clinic* OR a check made out to *Ss. Cyril & Methodius* in a **BLUE** Lenten Offering envelope, and place your envelope in the Sunday collection basket by April 21.

**Slovak Catholic Media Productions/ LUX New York:** An active ministry at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York City, LUX produces original programming for Slovak people in the US and Canada to help them deepen their faith and to connect with each other. Its primary service is live-streaming the Slovak language Holy Mass from St. John Nepomucene. Your monetary donation to LUX will help meet operating costs and purchase production equipment for their evangelizing ministry. Place your check made out to *St. John Neopmucene/LUX New York* OR a check made out to *Ss. Cyril & Methodius* in a **BLUE** Lenten Offering envelope, and place your envelope in the Sunday collection basket by April 21.

**"Housing with Care"/Vincentinum Family Center in Kosice-Saca, Slovakia:** The children of families stressed by severe financial, medical or social situations run a high risk of being removed from their homes. To help struggling families remain together and overcome their difficulties, Foundation DeDo (NADACIA DeDo) operates centers which provide social and professional services along with affordable rental housing. Families receive ongoing help from social workers, counselors, and health professionals and spiritual guidance until they are more stable, usually about 3 years. In Kosice-Saca, the Vincentinum Family Center is currently undergoing an addition which will provide homes and support for five families. Your monetary donation will help with the final construction costs for this comprehensive family-saving center. Place your check, made out to *Ss. Cyril & Methodius*, in a **WHITE** Lenten Offering envelope and put it in a Sunday collection basket by April 21.

**Right-to Life/Lifespan Baby Shower:** Celebrate life at a "mini-baby shower" for Gianna House, a local home for pregnant teens that will open this spring. Gianna House currently offers free classes on pregnancy, nutrition and baby care for women in need from the community. Upon completion of the classes, the women may "shop" in the home's Closet for needed baby care items. **Come to the Father Mikus Hall after the 9:30AM Holy Mass NEXT Sunday, March 17, and enjoy live music, a slide show about Gianna House, and refreshments. Donations can be brought to the hall at that time.** Specific items that are needed include: gas cards, baby toiletries (baby wash, shampoo, lotion, Desitin), toiletries for mom (body wash, lotion, liquid hand soap), Diapers (only sizes newborn and 4, 5, 6), Pull-Ups (all sizes), Pack and plays (new), Towels, Washcloths, Baby bottles and nipples, Teething Rings, Pacifiers, Brushes, Combs, Convertible Car Seats (new), Infant Car Seats (new), Strollers (new), Gift Cards and monetary donations. (Checks should be made out to *Gianna House* and placed in the appropriate box at the shower.) A complete Wish List of needed items is on the bulletin board in the vestibule. If you are unable to come to the shower, **volunteers will be collecting donated items after all Holy Masses next Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17.**

**Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection:** This Lent, the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council will be collecting change to donate to Gianna House. Gianna House will soon be providing a home and loving care for local pregnant teenagers and their babies up to 1 year after the birth of the baby. If you received a baby bottle, fill it with change during the weeks of Lent, and return it on Palm Sunday weekend. If you were unable to get a bottle and still want to support this important project, you can provide a check as outlined: Donations in the form of a check made out to: St. Nicholas Council 7011 will also be accepted. Together, each of our small donations will go a long way toward helping Gianna House provide for these vulnerable women and babies.

**Clothing for the Homeless at St. Leo's:** All year-round, St. Cyril's parishioners generously donate clothing for the homeless and those who live in the neighborhood around St. Leo's. The Missionaries of Charity, who operate the clothing closet at St. Leo's, are extremely grateful for all the clothing we provide. At this time of year, there is always a need for new and gently used warm clothing. In addition to that, there is a particular need for new socks and underwear for men and women. Please place your donations in the box marked Clothing Collection located in the coatroom.

**Sacred Heart Food Pantry:** Once again we will be supporting our less fortunate brothers and sisters in northern Macomb County with donations of non-perishable food items to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Sacred Heart parish in Imlay City. Donations of canned fruit, tuna and chicken are particularly needed at this time. Please help feed the hungry by placing your donations in the box marked Food Collection located in the vestibule coatroom by April 16.

If you have questions about any of the 2018 Lent Projects, please contact:  
*Erin Rybicki*, Christian Service Coordinator, (586) 530-0547 or *Sandi Brady* in the Parish Office at (586) 726-6911

## Join the Parish Lenten Challenge!

It's not too late to join the Parish Lenten Challenge. Participants can grow in their faith this Lent by completing a worksheet, located in the vestibule. It contains personal challenges designed to help us grow as Catholics. There are separate worksheets for Adults, Teens and Children. Once your worksheet is complete, drop it off in the Parish Office and you will be included in a Raffle that will take place after Easter. (You may complete more than one sheet.) Lots of fun raffle prizes will be awarded including; gas and restaurant gift cards, an Amazon Fire 7 Tablet and more!

### Monthly Bilingual Rosary \* Monday, March 11

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018! In honor, appreciation and service to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, we welcome all parishioners and guests to pray one Rosary in two languages--Slovak and English. Prayer intentions for these Rosaries will focus on our parish and respective countries. We also ask that you send us special prayer requests which will be lifted up during each Rosary. Prayer requests may be sent either by emailing 100rosary@gmail.com or calling or texting (586) 413-4050.

We will pray this Bilingual Rosary in the Church at 7:00PM on the following days: March 11, April 8, May 17, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 7 and December 13.

We also have a social after each Monthly Bilingual Rosary in the Slovak Heritage room. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

The special parish Centennial Rosaries will be available for sale at the conclusion of each Monthly Bilingual Rosary.

Organized by: *Maria Lamerova* and *Cindy & Dennis Zitny*

### Life Teen High School Youth Group • Monday, March 11

*Heard – A Night on Faith and Mental Health*

7:00PM – 8:45PM in the Parish Hall

Join us next week on Monday, March 18, for *Walking Toward Virtue, a Night on Church Teaching on LGBT Issues*.

Questions: Alexandria Lewis, Youth Minister

(586) 641-7672 or lifeteencyril912@gmail.com or (586) 641-7672

### Y Disciple Small Groups for High School Teens

Is your teen ready to go deeper? Consider starting a Y Disciple small group. For more information, contact:

*Monica Majcher* at [smallgroupcyril@gmail.com](mailto:smallgroupcyril@gmail.com)

We are also looking for more small group mentors – Catholic adults age 21 and up who commit to walking with teens on their faith journey.

### EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, March 14

*Fight or Flight – A Night on How to Overcome Temptation*

7:00PM – 8:45PM in the Parish Hall

New teens who would like to attend can register at the EDGE Night.

Join us next week, March 21, for a *Night on Lent*.

Questions: Alexandria Lewis, Youth Minister

(586) 641-7672 or [edgecyril678@gmail.com](mailto:edgecyril678@gmail.com)

### K of C St. Patrick's Day Meal • March 16 • 6:00PM

Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage

Dinner Served Family Style

Saturday, March 16, at 6:00PM

St. Rene Goupil Hall

\$15 per person / Refreshments Included

Purchase Tickets in the

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Office or Contact:

*Ken Pullis*, (586) 939-8525

*Joe Honce, III*, (248) 224-1132

As a Lenten Almsgiving, your attending will help support the Knights fourfold ministries: \* Service to the Poor \* Aid the Mentally Impaired \* Support Priests and Seminarians \* Support Right to Life

### Family Fun Night • March 16 • Fr. Mikus Hall • 5:30PM

Schedule of Events:

5:30PM- St. Patrick's Day Craft and short Veggie Tale video

6:00PM - Mary Poppins Movie (2 hrs 10 mins/PG/2018)

Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.

Concessions will be available for purchase including Pizza by the slice, pop, lemonade, hot chocolate, popcorn and St. Patrick's Day Dessert! All Proceeds benefit African Missions.

### Lifespan's "Be The Change" • March 16

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." (Ghandi)

All over, we see the minds of Americans thinking more emotionally on the topic of abortion, rather than logically. But our generation is not unintelligent. Many of them are actually open to truth; the question is, are we willing to tell it to them? And can we do so in a way that is really effective? At Lifespan's "Be The Change" event (7th-12th graders), you will be given training by young adult pro-life activists on several different topics in order to effectively speak on abortion. These topics include: \*How to reach and talk to pregnant students and abortion-vulnerable women \*Embryology \*Pro-life defense and information \*Planned Parenthood's real goals. We hope you can join us for this event at Oakland University on March 16 from 10:30AM-2PM. \$10 per person. Parents and adults are welcome too!

To register: [www.milifespanbethechange.eventbrite.com](http://www.milifespanbethechange.eventbrite.com)

Questions/information: *Lynn* or *Maria*, (248) 816-1546

### Northland Family Prayer

**March 23 & Tuesdays during Lent**

There are additional opportunities for prayer outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic during Lent and we hope that you can join us.

1) One event takes place on Saturday, March 23, from 11:00AM to 12:00PM. 2) Another event takes place on Saturday, April 6, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. 3) For those wishing to pray when the clinic is open, a group will gather each Tuesday during Lent between 10AM and 10:15AM to recite the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The clinic is located at 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road). Questions - contact *Anne Marie*, (586) 873-2004.

The 40 Days for Life campaign runs daily from March 6—April 14. For more info go to: [40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns/](http://40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns/)



**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Mark Your Calendars**  
**April 1 - 5**

The Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rummage Sale is fast approaching and we need your help! We need your donations of gently-used, clean and working treasures that you no longer want or need in your home: Housewares, clean clothing, purses, bedding, tools, working electronics, working small appliances, working TV's, lamps, craft supplies, books, cd's, dvd's, frames, toys, baby items, knick-knacks, furniture, jewelry, sports equipment, outdoor stuff. Anything that you can bring to the church, we can sell! There are tax donation receipts available at the time you drop off your treasures.

**Rummage Sale Drop Off Days (in the Father Mikus Hall):**

Monday and Tuesday, April 1 and 2, ONLY; 10:00AM - 7:00PM

**Sale Days (in the Father Mikus Hall):**

Wednesday & Thursday, April 3 and 4; 10:00AM - 7:00PM

Friday, April 5; 8:30AM - 11:00AM; \$3 & \$10 per bag day

**Volunteers are needed** on ALL days to help. You will not be required to lift anything heavy. Even a few hours are very helpful. You will have fun while you're working and meet new people! Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule on the table. You DO NOT need to be a member of the Rosary Society to help. All proceeds support Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish.

If you have any questions, please contact:

*Andrea Davis, (586) 405-4666*

**LENTEN FISH DINNERS**

**Fridays During Lent (except Good Friday)**

**March 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12**

**Fr. Mikus Hall \* Dine-In or Carry-Out**

**4:00PM - 7:00PM**

You are invited to a delicious fresh dinner with friends and parishioners while supporting an important ministry.

**Dinner Menu:**

Salmon (Grilled or Blackened) w/ Rice & Vegetable (\$11)

\*Beer Battered Cod (2 pcs.) w/Fries (\$8)

\*Beer Battered Cod (2 pcs.) w/Mac & Cheese (\$9)

\*Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) w/Fries (\$8)

\*Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) w/Mac & Cheese (\$9)

\*Popcorn Shrimp w/Fries (\$6)

\*Popcorn Shrimp w/Mac & Cheese (\$7)

\*Comes with Cole Slaw & Roll,

Soda, Coffee & Sales Tax are Included

**Ala Carte Menu:**

Clam Chowder - Made Fresh (\$4.50)

Macaroni & Cheese - Made Fresh (\$3.50)

Extra Beer Battered Cod (\$3.00)

French Fries (\$2.50) & Slaw (\$1.00)

Carryout Available. Come & Enjoy.

Questions:

*Jon Ruthenbeck, (248) 953-9053*

*John Fournier, (248) 410-5866*



**NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTION**

We are excited to introduce a new way to give at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish. We have partnered with Pushpay to accept donations online and through your mobile device. We chose Pushpay because of how simple it is to use. Once your account is setup you can give in just seconds.

**How:**

- To give using your mobile device simply text SSCYRIL to 77977 and a link to the giving page will be sent to you.
- To give online you can simply go to our website [www.saintcyrils.org](http://www.saintcyrils.org) and select "GIVE" on the homepage.

**Why:**

**For You:**

- Having the option for online and mobile giving through Pushpay gives you the ability to set up a recurring gift and saves you the time and energy of writing checks and filling out envelopes every week.
- If you don't carry cash and you don't write checks this allows you the opportunity to practice sacrificial giving using ACH payments or a credit card.
- It allows you to change the amount of your gift or cancel in just seconds if your circumstance changes.
- Most special collections will be set up as a fund option in online and mobile giving.
- You will be able to review all your online/mobile gifts at any time in your online account.

**For the Church:**

- Saves the Church time and increases giving record accuracy by automatically recording your gifts in your donor records.
- Decreases the work load of our volunteer counting team who work so hard to count each week's collections.
- Lowers risks and security concerns of handling so many cash and check transactions.

**What If I Already Give Via ACH:**

If you are currently participating in our ACH giving option you can simply set up your ACH using the new online or mobile platform and contact the front office to complete a form or send an email to [business@saintcyrils.org](mailto:business@saintcyrils.org) requesting the current ACH be canceled. We will discontinue the current ACH giving system once all our current givers are transferred to the new system.

**Can I Still Use My Envelopes:**

If you are not comfortable using online or mobile giving, you can continue to give as you do now. This simply offers another giving option for those that are interested.

If you have questions feel free to contact *Rob Avery, (586) 726-6911*, [business@saintcyrils.org](mailto:business@saintcyrils.org) or speak to someone in the Parish Office.



## Catechism Corner • All Classes Take Place in the Church Building



We want to update you on a few things, most importantly, the date of the May Crowning this year has been changed due to a scheduling conflict at St. Cyrils. May Crowning will now be on Sunday, May 5. As May Crowning will now be before First Holy Communion, (as it use to be years ago) we are asking that the First Communicants wear their Sunday best to the May Crowning Mass and save their Communion Clothes for their First Holy Communion Mass and the Corpus Christi Mass.

The Confirmandi, unfortunately, will have to rehearse for both their Confirmation Mass and May Crowning Mass, during the very same week. If possible, we will move one of those rehearsals to the week prior, but for now, plan to rehearse for both events on May 1st. Confession will be available at the end of rehearsal.

The contractors are working on repairs, however, we still do not have a date for our move back to the Activity Center. We have heard from some of the parents that their kindergartner is missing coming to class and we hate that they are disappointed but we just don't have a place for them until we can move everyone back to the Activity Center. We understand that the wall repairs are coming along but the wallpaper and carpet are on back order, a few prayers for speedy receipt of these items would be greatly appreciated.

### Catechism Schedule

Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:15PM: Class for All. Benediction for 1st - 4th Grades

Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:15PM: Class for All. Benediction for 5th - 8th Grades

Saturday, March 23 @ 10:00AM—2:00PM: Confirmation Retreat for 7th & 8th Grade Students

Wednesday, March 27 @ 6:15PM: Class for All. Benediction for 1st - 4th Grades

Wednesday, April 3: NO CLASS (Spring Break)

Questions: *Paul or Carroll Schuller*, Directors of Religious Education, (586) 254-9212 or [p\\_schuller@yahoo.com](mailto:p_schuller@yahoo.com)

## ADORATION 101

*"We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart is right, our intentions fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God."*

—St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church

The Latin root for the English word for Discern is discernere; to distinguish between, to determine, resolve or decide. It is vital for every Catholic to be able to properly discern the will of God in their lives in order to live a genuinely happy and fulfilling life. God never ceases talking to us; we just need to learn how to develop, as our Master taught us, an "ear to hear" (Mk. 4:9), and the greatest place to hear Him is while before Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

Over the past several weeks I've given a step-by-step process anyone can use to aid them in discerning the will of God in their own lives; in matters great and small alike. Here is a recap:

**TRULY AND HONESTLY DESIRE THE WILL OF GOD** – You must authentically want to do what God wants you to do. Our will naturally wants to do what it wants to do, whether God wants it or not. Therefore, you must be willing, from the very beginning, to commit to do His will, without reserve, knowing that He may take you out of your comfort zone and it will involve sacrifice on your part. Then pray and vow to Him that you truly desire to do His will.

**PRAY FOR THE GIFT OF WISDOM** – Wisdom makes the soul responsive to God in the contemplation of divine things. It paves the way which gives the other elements of discernment a foundation to build upon; it is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask for it, as St. James tells us, and it will be given to you. Also, petition your guardian angel to assist you in hearing and knowing the voice of the Holy Spirit and to ward off any evil spirits.

**KNOW CHURCH TEACHING** – The Church is the voice of Christ. If we want to discern the will of God in our lives, we must first know what He has told us through His Body, the Church. Do not be intimidated and pick up the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Magisterial documents and the writing of the saints and doctors of the Church. Develop a well-formed conscience. Discuss your findings with your confessor, a learned priest, religious or lay person as well.

**GO TO HOLY MASS AND CONFESSION OFTEN** – It's of the utmost importance that you remain in a state of grace throughout the entire discernment process. Sin clouds the mind and you will be more susceptible to error and the instigation of the evil spirit and deception. These two Sacraments will give us the grace, the power, to remain in friendship with God.

**GO BEFORE JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Take the issue you're trying to discern and spend time before Jesus. Do not expect results immediately and don't expect any overwhelming sense of emotion or love to flood you. That is not how God normally operates. Just sit with Him and think about your options. Weigh the pros and cons of each one carefully, with sound reason, and see which one you feel drawn to.

**BE PATIENT** – Repeat the above process as many times as you need (which in some cases can take months but not always) and see if you keep getting drawn to a particular option over and over again even if you're nervous about it because you know it will take you out of your comfort zone and could involve sacrifice and, perhaps, even suffering.

**MAKE YOUR CHOICE BEFORE GOD** – Once you have noticed this "tug" time and again, and have readied yourself to trust God and you feel a mysterious peace and calm, kneel before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and tell him what you're going to do and ask Him to bless it. Then begin your journey in complete trust and watch God move like never before!

The more often you use this method the easier it will become, and the more acute your spirit will be in sensing the Holy Spirit's (and your guardian angel's) inspirations in everyday life. It is life lived the way God intended it to be. God's will is our happiness and He's always right there guiding our footsteps and paving the trial. We just need to take up our cross daily and learn to follow Him!

— Paul A. Ray

# LENT

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## **Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH**

### **LENT EVENTS & SCHEDULES:**

#### **Stations of the Cross (During Lent):**

Every Wednesday at 8:30AM & Every Friday at 6:30PM

#### **Additional Holy Masses (During Lent):**

Every Friday at 7:00PM

#### **Fish Fries (Serving from 4-7:00PM):**

Fridays, March 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12

#### **Lenten Reflection with Fr. Cyril Whitaker:**

Fridays, April 5 & April 12, 7:00PM

#### **"The Passion of the Christ" Movie:**

Saturday, April 13, 5:30PM

#### **Easter Bake Sale:**

April 13 & 14 (after Holy Masses)

#### **American Red Cross Blood Drive:**

Monday, April 15: 1:00PM—6:45PM

### **HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

#### **BIG CONFESSION DAY: Monday, April 15:**

10:00AM—Noon & 6:00PM—9:00PM

#### **NO Confessions will be heard on:**

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday,  
Easter Sunday, Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday

### **HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:**

#### **Holy Thursday, April 18: (No Confessions on Holy Thursday)**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

#### **Good Friday, April 19: (No Confessions on Good Friday)**

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Liturgy of Good Friday at 12:30PM

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:30PM

#### **Holy Saturday, April 20: (No Confessions on Holy Saturday)**

Adoration in the Chapel from 8:30AM—5:00PM

Blessing of Easter Baskets: 10AM, 11AM, NOON, After 7:00PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00PM

#### **Easter Sunday, April 21: (No Confessions on Easter Sunday)**

Holy Masses: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak),

1:30PM, 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM

#### **Easter Monday, April 22: (No Confessions on Easter Monday)**

Regular Holy Mass Schedule: 6:00AM, 9:00AM, NOON

\*NOTE: Regular Confession Schedule begins Wednesday, April 24